

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	10/787,243	BEARD ET AL.
	Examiner	Art Unit
	Kevin Mew	2664
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2. The allowed claim(s) is/are <u>73-132</u> .		
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Attachment(s) 1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 2. ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/0 Paper No./Mail Date	6. ☐ Interview Summary Paper No./Mail Dat 8), 7. ☐ Examiner's Amendr	atent Application (PTO-152) (PTO-413), e nent/Comment nt of Reasons for Allowance

Detailed Action

Response to Amendment

1. Applicant's Remarks/Arguments filed on 11/10/2005 regarding claims 73-132 have been fully considered. Claims 73-132 are currently pending and claims 1-72 have been canceled by applicant.

EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The present application relates to providing a multiple access communication method and apparatus that transmits a USF (Uplink Status Flag) to a mobile station on a downlink slot, including the unique steps of:

"when the shifted USF operation is used, then the USF which instructs the mobile station to perform uplink transmission on the first uplink slot is transmitted on a second downlink slot which is different from the first downlink slot."

The closet prior art, Chillariga et al. (US Publication 2001/0030956 A1), discloses a dynamic channel allocation communication system in which it performs a logical shifting of USF block information from one multi-frame to the next multi-frame. However, Chillariga fails to anticipate or render obvious the above quoted limitations of the present application. This renders the claims allowable.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue

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fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kevin Mew whose telephone number is 571-272-3141. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00 am - 5:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wellington Chin can be reached on 571-272-3134. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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